



Apud Falkland ultimo die mensis Julij, ANNO. DOM. 1599.

Ane Acte anent the Registring of Saifings, Reversions, and some uther writtes, for the better tryall of the falsettis daylie invente and occurring within this Realme.



VR SOVERAINE LORD And his Estaites presently conveened, Considering the gre hurt his Majesties subjects susceinis, and the innumerable falsettis daily invented, by forging of diverse private writtis: The same being kept obscure, quhill the moyen of the tryal of the falses of them be taken away; Specially instruments of saifings, reversions, bandes for giving of reversions, assignations to reversions, intimations of the same, and discharges of reversions. Quhilks writtis, being secretly kept up, gif they be trew, to the prejudice of parties; Or maliciously obscured, gif they be false, quhill proces of time, decease of parties, witnesses and writters, take away all adminiculis of improbation; Napu, lick recordes being established, quhairin all parties may finde resolution of the estait of ony Lande, quhairwith they meane to contract. FOR REMED Quhair of, It is statute and ordained, that in all time cumming, all instruments of saifings, reversions, bands for giving of reversions, discharges of reversions, assignations to reversions, and intimations of the same, quhilks fall not be registrat within the buikes of Counsell and Sessquith, within the space vnder written. And likewise, exceptand saifings of Burghs landes, halden in free burgage, given vpon resignation maid in the Baillies hands, conforme to the Act of Parliament, be insert and registrat in the Registers, presently appoynted to that effect, within forty daies, next after the making and perfyting of the same; vtherwaies, to be nul and to mak na faith

in judgement, nor out with. And the said nullitie to be received be way of exception. And the saids Registers, for the greater ease of the Lieges, to be established in the particular places following: That is to say, Ane in the towne of Kirkwall in Orkney, for the hail inhabitants and Lands, lyand within the Schireffedome of Orkney and Zetland. Ane in the Burgh of Innerne, for the Schireffedomes of Innerne and Cromartie: Ane in the Burgh of Elgin, for the Schireffedomes of Elgin, Forres, and Narne: Ane in the Burgh of Abirdene, for the Schireffdoms of Abirdene, Banff, and Kincardin. Ane in the Burgh of Dundee, for the Schireffedome of Forfar: Ane in the Burgh of Perth, for the Schireffedome of Perth, and Stewartrie of Strathern: Exceptand the Stewartrie of Menteith. Ane in the Burgh of Striveling, for the Schireffedomes of Striveling and Clackmannan, and Stewartrie of Menteith: Ane in the Burgh of Cowper in Fyfe, for the Schireffedomes of Fyfe and Kinrosschyre: Ane in the Burgh of Edinburgh, for the Schireffedome of Edinburgh principall, and Constabularie of Edinburgh: Ane in the Burgh of Linlithgow, for the Schireffedomes of Linlithgow and Hibern: Ane in the Burgh of Lauder, for the Schireffedomes of Berwick, Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, and Bailliarie of Lauderdaill: Ane in the towne of Haddington, for the Schireffedome of Canerke, Exceptand the Burgh and baronie of Glasgow. Ane in the Cittie of Glasgow, for the Barronie of Glasgow, and the Schireffedome of Renfrew: Ane in the Burgh of Dumbartane, for the Schireffedomes of Dumbartane, Bute, Argyll, Arrane, and Tarbert: Ane in the Burgh of Ayr, for the Schireffedome of Ayr, and Bailliarie of Kyle, Carrick, and Cunninghame: Ane in the Burgh of Wigtoun, for the Schireffedome of Wigtoun: Ane in the Burgh of Dumfries, for the Schireffedome of Dumfries, and Stewartries of Kirkcudbright and Annandale: Or onie other place or places mair convenient, as the keeper of the saids Registers shall thinke expedient, dewe intimation being made to the Lieges of the same. And the saids evidents to be registrat in the particular buikes, appoynted for ilk Schireffedome, as said is. And to the effect the said office may presently, & in al time cumming, be the mair faithfully ministrat: **STATUTES** & ordaines, the same to be annext & incorporat with the office of Secretarie. And the foresaid registers, to be called the Registers of the Secretarie, in al time cumming. And that the Secretar, present and to cum, haue the said office, as ane proper part, and pertinent of the said Secretarie: Make, and constitute particular deputies, ane or mair, in every ane of the places foresaid, of guid fame, literature, and qualification; for quhom he fall be answerable, and quha fall be resident within the said town and burgh, reddie at al times to receive fra the parties their evidents, & regestrat the same within the space of twenty foure houres, next after the receipt thereof, and deliver to the presentar of the same, their Evidents marked be him, with the daye, Moneth, and zeir of the registratioun; and in quhat lease of the buike the same is registrat: And fall take allanerlie for his paines, the summe of threene shillings four pennies, As for the price of ilk lease of his Register, written on baith the sides: And according thereto, fall tak proportionally, for registring of every ane of the saids Evidents. Quhilke depuie to be appoynted, as said is, for keeping of ilk register foresaid. Shall twice ilk zeir, at the feast of Whitsunday and Martines, make ane roll of all Evidents, presented and marked be him, the halfe zeir preceeding, and fall affix the same on some publick place of the towne quhair he remaines, that the same may come to al parties knowlege. And the saids registers to be filled be the saids deputies, to be marked be the Secretar or his deputies, to be appoynted be him to that effect, with ane note of the particular number of the leaues, that the same fall contene. And the saids registers, after the filling of the same, to be reported to the said Secretar, to remayne with him, and be parent to all our Sovereine Lords lieges, that fall haue a-doe with the same. The extract of the quhill register, fall haue als great faith and strength, as gif the originall war schawen, except the parties havand entres to oppone against the said writtes, offer to improoue the same, be way of action or exception. In the quhill cause, the partie purchaser of the saids evidents, and vtheris havand entres to defend the same, fall be halden to produce the principles and originalles; notwithstanding that they be registrat, as said is. And that none of the saids Evidents, be of force, strength, or effect, to ony intention, bot to be null and of nane avail, except the same be registrat, as said is. And his Maiestie, and Estaites foresaid, hes ordained, thir presents to be published, betwixt and the twentie daye September next to cum, at the mercat croces of the heid Burrowes of this Realme, and vthers places neidfull: And to haue effect and begin at the ellcuint day of November next to cum: In this instant zeir of God, 1599. zeires. And that thir presents be ratified in the nixte Parliament, and be authorized and allowed be the Lords of counsell and Session.

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